

## Who Is Code Enforcement?

The Code Enforcement Division is part of the Community Development Department with the City of Riverside. Code Enforcement receives requests for service each year for property maintenance and health and safety concerns. The Code Enforcement Division has a comprehensive program which protects a property owner's investment, promotes public health and welfare, and enhances the quality of life in our neighborhoods. This is an integral part of the City's commitment to neighborhood livability and preservation. When homes and businesses are properly maintained, it has a positive effect on the appearance of our community.

One of the goals of Riverside's Code Enforcement Division is to bring to the attention of property owners any existing code violations. Many such code violations are referred to as "public nuisances." The Code Enforcement Division responds to such concerns as zoning, signs, abandoned vehicles, health and general safety, substandard housing, illegally parked vehicles, weeds and overgrown vegetation. Through voluntary compliance, conditions which create code violations can be eliminated or reduced. Working together, the program will succeed in making the City of Riverside an even better place to live and work!

Code Enforcement representatives are always available to attend neighborhood and organizational meetings to explain the program and assist citizens with improving their neighborhoods.



## What Is Considered A Violation?

**Inoperable Vehicles** – Cars, RV's, and trailers, which cannot operate on public streets, are considered inoperable.

**Illegal Parking** – Parking on lawn/grass, dirt, gravel, sidewalk, or blocking view of traffic is considered illegal parking. Operable cars in the driveway must be parked on a paved surfaced (i.e. concrete or asphalt).

**Trash/Debris** – Any accumulation of garbage, trash, appliances, old furniture, or scrap material.



**Overgrown Vegetation** – Tall, dry grass or dead vegetation may pose a fire hazard and must be cleared.

**Illegal Construction** – Any room additions, sheds, patio covers, carports, and garage conversions **require** a permit. Permits may be obtained from the City of Riverside Building & Safety Department.

**Trash Containers** – Trash containers must be screened from public view.

**Over Height Fences** – Generally front and side yard not to exceed 3 feet (solid) or 4 feet (non-solid) and rear yard 6 feet.

**Renting** – No more than four (non-related) renters at a single family home.

## How Can I Enhance My Neighborhood?

If you are seeking relief from conditions on a property in your community, there are a number of options available to you:

1. Make contact with the responsible person. Describe your perception of the concern. Discuss how the concern affects you and/or the neighborhood and possible solutions.
2. Attend or initiate a Neighborhood Watch Meeting and get involved with other neighbors in solving area concerns. Contact the Riverside Police Department's Community Policing Team at (951) 715-3429.
3. File a Request for Service with the City's Code Enforcement Division. Requests may be filed in person at City Hall, by telephone at (951) 826-5311, or by logging on the City's website at <http://www.riversideca.gov>

## Telephone Directory

For City Services please contact our Call Center at (951) 826-5311.

Animal Control .....	(951) 358-7387
Building & Safety Department .....	(951) 826-5697
Business Tax .....	(951) 826-5465
City Hall.....	(951) 826-5312
Chamber of Commerce .....	(951) 683-7100
County of Riverside (General) .....	(951) 955-1000
Fire Department.....	(951) 826-5321
Graffiti Hotline .....	(951) 826-5311
Fair Housing .....	(951) 682-6581
Keep Riverside Clean & Beautiful ....	(951) 683-7100
Park & Recreation.....	(951) 826-2000
Planning Department.....	(951) 826-5371
Police Dispatch /Non Emergency .....	(951) 787-7911
Public Utilities .....	(951) 826-5781
Public Works.....	(951) 826-5341
Development Department.....	(951) 826-5649
Traffic Engineering.....	(951) 826-5366
Streets/Solid Waste .....	(951) 351-6127
Vector Control.....	(951) 826-5311

